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STREET LIGHTING.

The city of Marshall seems to be poorly lighted for the amount of money expended. The incandescents in use, of which we are informed there are 27, are not adapted for street purposes and should be replaced by arc lights, placed so as to do the greatest good to the greatest number of people. There should be an arc light at the crossing of English Ave. and the C. & A. tracks and another on English Ave. between the C. & A. depot and town; and Lafayette Ave. is also deficient in light. Our thoroughfares between the depots and the squares should be well lighted so as to create a good impression on strangers reaching our city at night. The writer had occasion recently to visit cities of the same class as Marshall and the comparison in the way of street lighting is not favorable to Marshall. One arc light in Smith's Addition lights up a cornfield, and it looks like it would be a good idea to have night position.

A TRIUMPH OF MERCY.

In the journal of *Francis*, which is to follow his return to France, the Christian world, which has sympathized with the wronged Jew, has not yet ceased to wonder over the triumph of justice so long delayed and now all the more appreciated by reason of the obstacles of race prejudice and army dictatorship overcome.

This evidence of the ultimate success of honest patriotism against military order, of justice against race hatred, has been heralded the world over as the triumph of justice, and now those who are reading of the crisis through which France is passing and of the startling and barbarous cruelties endured by the victim of any army cabal in the lonesome agonies of solitary confinement, made loathsome by rough prison chains that galled the flesh, and crushed the hope in a manly spirit, but never interposing supplicants for forced confession—such obstacles are laid at this time, when the remnants of seven horrors are fresh upon their memories, surprised to find their hero a man free from the tortures of underground dungeons. They find a man who is and has been under the rule of a dictatorship, but to converse with him in a calm and unshaken voice at the heart of a feverish, turbulent population, during its worst without a shadow of a shadow of vengeance upon the part of the sufferer, is to do what such a hero in a moment of clarity, that would all the more endure incalculable to the world. It is no Stone indifference to injustice and insult, that now looks certain. Decline to be lenient with those to whom mercy has been a stranger, but a trait, akin to the noble resolution which

characterized his refusal to confess himself a traitor, a quality in line with that heroic fortitude displayed in his suffering of the agonies of his doom without complaint, which now refuses to take advantage of popular favor and is content to end his exile in an exhibition of charity, to which man seldom rises.

Kentuckians place a high appreciation upon a man's honor and the fact that Goebel schemed and tricked a more popular rival, one in better accord with party sentiment, out of the nomination, will in all probability cause his defeat. Yet Democracy in Missouri, through both its governor and legislature, legitimized a chance for pluggery in city politics, has not risen in a storm of resentment as was the case in Kentucky. Missouri Democratic conventions too have witnessed enough straightout treachery in the securing of coveted nominations to produce a greater reaction in sentiment than has lately been witnessed in Kentucky. Yet there is reason for the hope that this seeming indifference, has encouraged this freedom in thwarting principles of honor and justice, until at last the very extreme taken, will prove the pit-fall of those, who sought treachery and defeat.

Democratic papers point with much gusto and approval to the comments of the disgruntled *Havens* upon the trial. His voice upon that subject would reflect great credit upon him from a Democratic standpoint, yet it is hard to see why so much should be made of his opinion, when he turns out in the most breathless advocacy of monopolies. Why is there reason to believe he is right on the first when so grievously wrong on the second?

Trusts in Iowa, in view of the general crusade that has been inaugurated against them, have at least one consolation, in that they need fear no thrusts from pulpits, politicians and sectionalists, as the monopolists of that state have recently, in refusing to preach longer at state institutions for \$3 a sermon, placed themselves in the light of combinations banded together for the purpose of raising prices—on sermons.

The train robbery cases of South Missouri are no sooner settled, than the followers of this exciting game of life appear in Minnesota. Business in this line, though the penalties are heavy enough to discourage its followers, never dies and the press seems never to tire of relating stories in the line.

R. M. White of the *Meridian* Lodge has been honored with the speaking secretaryship of the National Editorial Association. Missouri is honored in having such a representative and the friends of the popular press are pained to hear of his election.

Kansas City is making a strictly anti and non-partisan fight for the next Democratic National Convention and this section of Missouri hopes to see him in the prize show on after.

Mr. Bryan's newspaper interviews and correspondence have superseded somewhat his speech making, yet he proves as incessant in one line as the other.

Ex-governor W. J. Stone last week not only kicked a reporter from his office, but beat and cuffed him, threatened his life and proceeded in a most brutal fit of passion, to execute his dire threats against the offending newspaper man, all because this man questioned some of his actions as receiver of the Mullanphy Bank. For Stone to appear in such an angry mood over the expression of a doubt as to his straightforward fulfillment of his duties, and to make such an exhibit of his brute nature over an accusing inference of dishonesty is rather amusing, when papers all over the state and public speakers have repeatedly accused him of most questionable transactions. At any rate it is very unlikely that justice will be meted to him at the coming trial as the scene was before his own friends exclusively and in a building where he is a most desirable renter. The reporter displayed considerable bravery in entering such a place with questions of such a nature on his lips, and he is hardly to be blamed for taking to his heels before the wrathful Stone.

Geo. R. McLean, the millionaire editor of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, is said to have a gubernatorial nomination bee buzzing away in his head at last, after twice refusing to lead the Democratic ticket in that state. Similar to the harmony among Kentucky Democrats is that state of feeling noticeable among the Ohio Republicans. Unless party machinery runs more smoothly in these instances, the two states north and south of the Ohio may change places.

The letter copied in last week's *Republican* from the *Meridian* Lodge, in its keen personality thus Governor Stephens, in which he created "that the Chicago Imperialism, invading Sam Cook, was unimpaired and unwarmed," has created considerable comment and brought forward several sharp rebukes from the Stone-Cook organs. Missouri Democrats are by no means harmonious as is evidenced by such jibes.

Negro labor in the South is meeting with opposition from an entirely new quarter other than modern machinery and methods. This time it is the monkey, whom Texas cotton raisers have found to be a most admirable and dexterous workman, at pulling the downy wool. As steam and electricity have taken the place of animal labor, so now does one of that class rise up in man's stead.

Whether there be a strong probability of Roosevelt being called to the War portfolio, or whether there is not a possibility of truth in all those prophetic rumors that have been sent West, the people of this section, who are all admirers of Teddy Roosevelt, could not be better pleased that we have had a new termination of the Philippine War, than if this very thing should happen.

It looks as though Marshall would have a chance of repaying the "City of the Ozarks," for support in the State Fair contest.

War is now on between the Wallace Shows and Sells Bros., the fighting being done on bill boards.